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ELM STREET BRIDGE IN LACONIA TO BE CLOSED FOR ONE NIGHT TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE BEAMS ON THE NEW BRIDGE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the Elm Street Bridge in the Lakeport section of Laconia will be closed to traffic on Monday, June 16, 2003 from 8:00 PM until 6:00 AM on June 17. This bridge closure is necessary to allow for the installation of concrete bridge beams for the new Elm Street Bridge.

Motorists seeking to travel on Elm Street during the overnight hours on June 16 are asked to seek alternate routes via Parade Road/Main Street or Weirs Boulevard/U.S. Route 3. Local traffic only will be allowed in the area.

In the event of inclement weather, this bridge closure and beam placement work will be postponed to the following night, June 17.

This project involves the replacement of the existing structurally deficient Elm Street Bridge over the Winnispesaukee River. The project also includes the reconstruction of approaches to five different streets, a pedestrian bridge and a parking lot adjacent to Railroad Avenue.

E.D. Swett, Inc. of Concord, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$4.37 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in November 2003.